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based on. When there are individuals with bills that they don't think are too important and don't prioritize them, then they do take the chance on maybe finding a bill to which it can be added. But they also run the risk, or the one whose bill it is runs the risk, of having it become so loaded down that the bill has to become a target not because of what the bill says originally but because of the use to which it's going to be put. I'm going to remind you all I still may have one or two bills languishing out there, gasping for breath to which you all can put the quietus, but that's not going to make me any difference. I'm not going to deviate from my opposition to this "Christmas treeing" in the hopes of saving one of my bills, or two or them, or whatever is out there. That's not how I operate. And that's why the Governor can control you all and he can't control me. He threatens you--I'll veto your bill. Or tries to cajole you--if you don't...if you go with me, I won't say for sure I'm going to veto it; I'll leave my mind open. Well, that means he can veto it. You give up everything and get nothing. Again, that's not how I operate. So I'm going to support Senator Jensen's amendment which would, in effect, strike 12 bills from the committee amendment. At that point I think he will explain each of these bills for us, but I wanted to get that other matter out of the way. So as you all begin...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to bring your amendments, I want Senator Jensen to be aware that his bill can become so heavy that it will break down under the weight. Senator...well, I'll wait, but I was going to say something that Senator Brashear had made an observation about, but he's not here today. It's not negative to him. Well, to sum it up in a nutshell, he said the definition of a "Christmas tree" is whatever Senator Chambers says the definition is, but that applies to any and all of us. We determine what the definition is. If we can persuade the body or an introducer, we win. If we don't, we lose.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We are discussing the Jensen amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Jensen, there are no lights on. Did you wish to close? Senator Jensen waives closing. The question before the body is, shall AM3024 be adopted to the committee amendments to LB 1115?